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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Confirmation

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. As you know, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted unanimously yesterday in favor of reporting out your confirmation. The Chairman announced a reservation by one member which simply means the member reserves the right to speak on the matter when it comes on the Senate floor. The member taking the reservation was Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine). It is reported to us that she stated the questions in her mind pertain to your intelligence experience for the position of Director of Central Intelligence. You will recall, of course, that she asked you about your intelligence background at the hearings and you responded with a simple "none."

3. I have been advised that Senator Russell commented yesterday to Senator Saltonstall that he thought there would be no real difficulty on the floor but that possibly Senator Wayne Morse and Senator Smith would speak to the question. Additionally, Senator Jackson indicated that he thought Senator Morse and possibly Senator Smith would speak on the floor. As to Senator Morse, we have been informed he left town Saturday, the 20th of January, and does not plan to return to Washington until Tuesday of next week. Additionally, when we delivered to Senator Morse the copy of your letter to Senator Russell of 19 January referring to Senator Morse's speech on the floor, the Senator spoke to [redacted] of this office who was carrying the letter and said he was not really interested in this matter and then proceeded to ask for additional information [redacted] who has gone to Morse seeking help.

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4. I have talked to Senator Russell and Senator Jackson who both stated they believed there will be no problem at the final confirmation vote on the floor. As I had indicated earlier, I believe that William C. Lewis, Jr., of Senator Smith's office probably prepared the written questions which Senator Smith directed at you at the hearing. Certainly she did not follow up on some of her multiple questions-in-one when you did not answer each item of the question. Senator Jackson indicated he believed Bill Lewis was at the bottom of Senator Smith's campaign concerning your confirmation.

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5. Senator Russell advised me this morning that he thought the vote would be taken on the floor on Friday of this week. We will keep in close touch with this and will follow the floor action the rest of the week. Senator Russell said he thought Senator Smith would vote affirmatively for the nomination and that he thought there would be very few votes against it, if any.

6. At this stage in the game it seems unnecessary and undesirable to take any further action and I would recommend against any effort to see either Senator Smith or Senator Case at this time. Senator Jackson felt very strongly that you should not see either Senator Smith or Senator Case.

s/ John S. Warner

JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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<p>Attached is a roundup resulting from my checking around various places touching on Senator Smith's reservation in the Committee and possible floor activities when a vote is taken. I gathered from you yesterday that you wanted to send this to the Director's house tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John S. Warner</p>					
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